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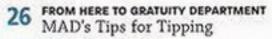
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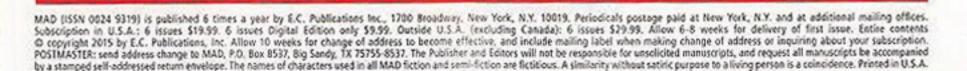
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Letters and Tomatoes

THE VANISH INQUISITION

I've been a huge fan of MAD magazine since I was eight years old and still am. There's only one problem. Me and my brother put all our MADs in a special place (away from our parents) and they keep disappearing! Is the extreme stupidity in them making them spontaneously combust or am I just too dumb to find them? (I'm going with the latter.)

Ralph White · San Anselmo, CA

The White Stuff — We are positive it's the latter for two reasons. First off, you DO seem dumb. But, more importantly, we've never heard of anything exploding because of its extreme stupidity. If that were the case, you would've been a smoldering crater loooooong ago. Anyhoo, thanks for your question! —Ed.

SITTING BULL

Please help me, I made the mistake of reading a MAD magazine to my son 20 years ago, and now at age 26 he won't go to bed unless I read him MAD. What can I do now? I don't want him on my lap when he's 40!

Don Burden · White Lake, Michigan

Beast of Burden — We have the perfect solution! When you're reading him this issue, be sure to take your time when you get to this letter. After you're done, ask him if he understood the moral of his "bedtime story." Then, before he can answer, scream "It's that Daddy doesn't love you anymore!," push him off your lap and run like the dickens. Repeat each night until he gets the idea (3 months, tops). Your lap will be yours again in no time! Happy to help! —Ed.



PROS AND CONSPIRACIES

I couldn't help but notice you are in the Illuminati. I can prove it. "Alfred" has six letters in it. "Six" has three letters in it. The Illuminati triangle has three sides. Illuminati CONFIRMED!

Lex Scobey · Severn, MD

Lex on the Beach — We have to admit you're right — our cover is blown! But we have a feeling that you, Lex Scobey of Severn, Maryland, are also a part of the shadowy cult that has orchestrated everything from the French Revolution to this season's winner on The Voice! Here's the math to prove it! Your letter had 34 words in it. 34 divided by two — the number of words in "Lex Scobey" — is 17. 17 minus six — the number of letters in "Severn" — is 11. And how many letters are in "Illuminati"? 10! Oh, jeez. That's disappointing. It looks like you aren't in the club after all, Lex — you're just some weirdo who sends alarming, faintly insane letters to crappy humor magazines to pass the time! Maybe someday you'll be able to don the rich maroon Illuminati robes that we all lounge around in at the office — but it seems pretty unlikely. Oh well. If it makes you feel any better, we'll say hi to Jay Z for you at the next meeting! —Ed.

POSTAL DISSERVICE

May this letter provide you with a chuckle. I am a retired elementary school teacher who loves your magazine so much that I sponsor a subscription for our local small-town library. All the issues are well-read. Unfortunately, the crown jewel issue of 2014's 20 Dumbest failed to arrive at the library; I bought my copy at the newsstand. I can only conclude there is a postal clerk out there somewhere with a high IQ, a good sense of humor and egregious ethics.

Joyce Cameron · Garden Valley, CA

Almond Joyce - Far be it from the MAD editorial staff to correct a former teacher - we're not that bright (between us, we have three high school diplomas and one poorly-forged G.E.D.) - but it appears that your conclusions about your local postal clerk are only 1/3 correct. Sure, the guy's ethics are egregious — that's why he's stealing magazines while he should be performing other important post office duties, like putting the "next window" sign on the counter while he goes out for a smoke. But how high can his IQ be if he's reading MAD? And "a good sense of humor"? HA! You must be putting us on, Joyce. If you're not, your letter serves as a stinging indictment of not only the U.S. Postal Service, but of the Garden Valley Board of Education as well, It's no wonder California is in such terrible shape! (The postal service and school board are what caused the current droughts, right? As we said earlier, we're not so bright.) -Ed.

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Looking for a way to waste time AND open yourself up to public ridicule? You're in luck! You can do both simply by liking us on Facebook and following us on Tumblr and Twitter! It's a perfect plan! (Except for the ridicule — but that's your problem, not ours!)



GETTING TO THE POINTLESS

I have been subscribing for two years. I think this is the best magazine out there. But I would like to ask: why do people write to you for advice when you never give advice and just crack funny jokes (which are hilarious). Do they do it just for the free stuff?

Jordi Aguilar . San Bruno, CA

Air Jordi — Who knows why people do what they do? The heart is fickle, Jordi — even more fickle than the kidneys (although not quite as fickle as the small intestine). The whims of the soul are but the wings of a dove, carrying one's desires aloft, fluttering and bold, squirting watery little poops upon unsuspecting passersby. And, yea, even that man down below, angrily scraping his dung-soiled sweater-sleeve against the rough brick façade of the nearest Starbucks has his own secrets, his own illicit yearnings. Was this "advice" helpful, Jordi? Because our passion is helping people. Now where were we? Oh, yeah — enjoy the free stuff! —Ed.

MAD TWEETS



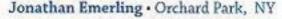
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Really hope I make first contact w a space alien so that I can give it a MAD magazine & tell it that that's our newspaper

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CELEBRITY SNAPS

Hello, MAD! At Niagara Falls Comic-Con my nephew Jaden, Crow T. Robot and I successfully persuaded Alfonso Ribeiro to sully his hands with an issue of MAD! My brother Scott had to work, so as revenge I brought a picture of him in which he's rocking 90's hair.



Eagle-eyed MAD readers will remember Jonathan and his nephew also posed with Giancarlo Esposito...while holding a different MST3K robot (Tom Servo). Who knows what the future holds for this rag-tag group of autograph seekers! Will it be Lou Ferrigno and Gypsy? Might it be Peter "Chewbacca" Mayhew and Cambot? Will it culminate in a shot of a confused comic con security guard and a broken electric can opener? The descent into madness is a hell of a ride — we look forward to the show! —Ed.



MAD INK

Zack Weaver posted this haunting picture of his skeletal Alfred tattoo on our Facebook page. Pretty impressive! Best of all, in a pinch, it can also pass for pretty decent Willem DaFoe tat! Which reminds us — got some MAD-themed ink? Send it our way! Your mistake is already permanent, so why not immortalize it in the pages of MAD?



THE SUB OF ALL FEARS

I'm a big fan of your mag. Been reading it since teen years but lost track for a while until my grandson was selling magazine subscriptions. I saw it and had to have it. Now my grandson and granddaughter look at me weird, because when I'm reading MAD I can't stop laughing. It's as good as it's ever been. I'll be reading it until I can't read anymore!

Sherrie Doane · Fredricktown, OH

Just Doane It — Good for your grandson! We've always said that selling magazine subscriptions is an excellent way for young people to learn the value of a dollar! Sure, it may mean that a young man loses all respect for his grandmother when he discovers just how terrible her taste in reading material is. But that's a small price to pay! Especially for us – we get those sweet subscription dollars whether he respects you or not! —Ed.

THE GRATING AMERICAN NOVEL

I have been a huge fan of you since I was six. Me and my dad would go to the comic book store every two months to buy MAD. I am now 11 and I have even done a novel response for school on MAD. After reading my novel response my teacher wanted to read the magazine. She was laughing harder than any teacher I've ever heard. I even think she liked it more than me.

Baxter Wright · Seabrook, TX

Don't Forget to Wright — Between Joyce Cameron over in Garden Valley, California, and now your teacher down in Seabrook, Texas, we'd say we have the makings of an epidemic of idiocy sweeping this country's educators! Which makes us wonder three things: first, what sort of "educator" allows a shoddy, poorly-written humor magazine to be considered a "novel"? Second: how on earth could this person not only willingly read such drivel, but actually laugh at it? (Honestly, we've never heard of anyone having that reaction to MAD.) And third: given the poor quality of education you've been subjected to, how the heck were you able to cobble together a comprehensible letter? —Ed.

Letters and **Tomatoes**



BREAKING ALL THE RUSE

My name is Jordan DeBartolo and I am 11 years old. I love your magazines, they're the best! My favorite part is Spy vs. Spy with all the bombs and stuff! My older brother collected MAD magazines, but he went to college and guess who he gave all his magazines to...ME! I have about 100 magazines, and I promised my brother I would keep collecting MAD magazines! So please keep making more funny and absolutely stupid magazines!

Jordan DeBartolo • Brantford, Ontario

Flash Jordan — Forgive us if we weren't made more than a little suspicious by your letter. We couldn't help but notice that you share a last name with MAD's maddest writer, Dick DeBartolo - whose claim to MAD fame, of course, is that he's had an article in an astonishing 432 straight issues of the magazine. This Cal Ripken-like streak has made him wealthy beyond belief — and he needs it! Why, his monthly mustache-upkeep bill alone sometimes runs into the four figures. But to keep this plush lifestyle afloat, MAD must never stop publishing, so he can continue to cash those lucrative bi-monthly checks. So we have to ask you, Jordan: are you Dick's nephew? Or his second cousin, twice removed? And did he corner you at the annual DeBartolo family reunion and put you up to asking us to "keep making stupid magazines"? Because if he did, well, that's just a shameful conflict of interest. Although, frankly, after more than 50 years of dealing with the guy, almost nothing would surprise us! —Ed.

IT'S DEMANDS WORLD

I'm 7 years old and just started reading MAD - STOP THE DANG SWEARING! Where do you live, in a trailer park? If I want to hear swearing I'll hide my 14-year-old sister's cell phone. Ok, let's change the subject. Here are some things to improve your magazine. 1) More English accents. 2) Have Weird Al and Alfred E. Neuman appear in every magazine. 3) Make Spy vs. Spy less bloody. More singing and dancing.

Jack Klug · Lake Geneva, WI

Klugger Lang — MAD readers go through two stages — the first is "just started reading MAD" - followed almost immediately by "just stopped reading MAD." We hope we caught you in time! We'll do our best to address your concerns, but they seem pretty crazy and off-base. For starters, we're not sure what you mean about the swearing, but your credibility is hurt by your OWN salty language ("Dang"?!? Give us some warning before you drop the D-bomb!) Regarding the rest: 1) Everything is already written with an English accent - you're obviously just reading it wrong. 2) We'll meet you halfway and put Alfred in every issue. 3) Make Spy vs. Spy less bloody? Is this about the English accents again? Less bloody what? Less bloody entertaining? Less bloody stupid? Boy, you really don't get English accents. 4) We don't know about singing and dancing, but now that we're done answering your letter, there'll be celebrating of SOME kind! —Ed.



READER ALERT

Was your letter printed in this issue? Well, hold onto your chisels, Gepetto, because you've got some awesome freebles coming your way! You'll be getting the Star Wars Epic Yorns trilogy, courtesy of our friends at Chronicle Books; a Blu-ray combo pack of Batman Unlimited: Monster Mayhem, from our buds at Warner Bros. Home Entertainment; The Complete Peanuts, 1995-1996 from our chums at Fantagraphics; and Out of Line: The Art of Jules Felffer, courtesu of our amigos at Abrams ComicArts! All this swell stuff - just for writing a letter to some dumb magazine! Can you believe it? U-S-A! U-S-A!



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MAD'S PUBLIC APOLOGY INTERPRETER



The Fast 5 FINDINGS IN THE INVESTIGATION OF FIFA

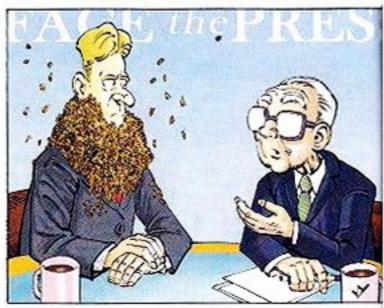
- 1 Although it somehow became assumed over the years, there's actually no rule saying that players can't touch the ball with their hands.
- 2 Had FIFA's corruption not been exposed, East Timor was in line to get the World Cup in 2026.
- 3 According to a high-level source who requested anonymity, soccer doesn't appear to be as popular in the U.S. as it is in other countries.
- 4 Early soccer balls were made from pig and cow bladders. Nothing scandalous there; the investigators just found that to be an interesting bit of trivia.
- 5 In order to stay focused on finances, most FIFA officials abstain from sex the night before accepting a big bribe.



The Godfrey Report

In	5 Minutes Ago	Out
Olamping	Camping	Roughin'it
Kale chips	Potato chips	Wood chips
Flunmoxed	Bamboozled	Discombobulated
Entrépreneurs	Dealers	Pushers
Squares	Fogeys	Fuddy-duddys

The Yungbluth and the Restless



SENATOR, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ROLE'BIG HONEY

16 PLAYING IN YOUR CAMPAIGN?

Pages

How to Annoy the Staff at Dollar Tree

Ask for directions to Family Dollar. When they don't know, say, "How about Dollar General?"

Tell a clerk to direct you to the "Made In America" aisle.

Move the decimal point two spaces to the right on the store's awning.

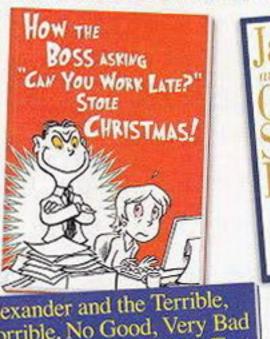
Pick up every item in the store and shout out, "Can someone please tell me how much this is?"

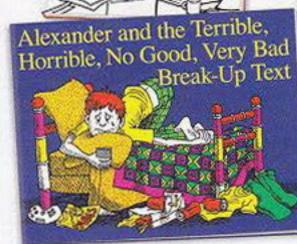
Ask the cashier if the store accepts dollar-off coupons.



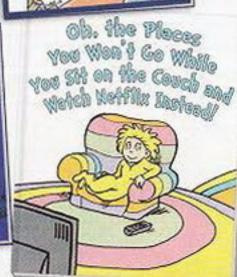
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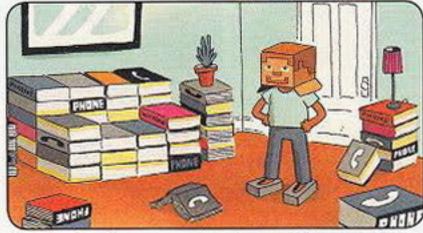




Writer: Tim Latterner Artist: Adam Koford



WHAT ARE PHONEBOOKS STILL GOOD FOR?



Transforming your apartment into a real life Minecroft



Showing off how analog you are at hipster coffee shops



Strapping to your feet to circumvent roller coaster height requirements



Keeping tabs on the weirdos in your town who still have landlines



Propping up your iPad while you use it to look up addresses and phone numbers

THE FUNDALINI PAGES

New Words We Desperately Need

Schadendroid (a.) Pleasure derived from the outdated cell phones of others.

Brobotomy (n.) The collective lack of higher brain function that occurs when groups of men get together.

Résumaybe (n.) A list of job qualifications that aren't entirely true.

Po-potography (a.) The act of filming police so that they (hopefully) won't kill you.

Apathletic (adj.) The quality of not giving a crap about professional sports.

Pillaxin' (n.) Same as chillaxin', but with the aid of prescription medications.

Writer: Kenny Kell

Oy Vey!



"CAN'T YOU TAKE A BREAK? YOU'RE ON VACATION."

ACTION FILM CATCH-PHRASES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED







Pacifist Club (2004)



f You Don't Die When I Shoot You the First Time, I'll Just Shoot You Again (200%)



Revenge of the Avenger's Vengeance II: The Revenge (1992)



Forceful Force (1986) Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Kevin Pope

Samuel Ferri's Misconnected Moments



When someone is too timed to end a relationship, they may commit a subtle series of passive-aggressive acts in hopes of getting the other party to do it.



If you want to find out how a 'NO LOTTERING' sign comes to look like this, you've got to hang around aimlessly in the same place for a while.



Like salmon swimming upstream, the Swedish Fish attempt the perilous journey back to their own breeding grounds.

CATCH UP ON THE STUPIDITY YOU WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO MISS!



THE FUNDALINI PAGES

The Faster 5

THE APPLE CAR: WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR

- 1 Will only be slightly bigger than the iPhone 6 Plus
- Unlike all other Mac products, will come with windows installed
- 3 Will make texting while driving a crime of the past, with the introduction of home movie editing while driving
- Will drastically reduce Genius Bar wait times due to all the suckers with brokendown Apple Cars that can't make it to their appointments

5 Car horn plays pre-loaded U2 songs for some reason



Writer: Kenny Keil Artist: Chris Boughton

GUN CONTROL BY THE NUMBERS

Percentage of gun owners who hide their guns in a drawer labeled "Not Guns"



Reasons Congress Hasn't Passed More Gun Legislation

- Scared to alienate its base of gun-wielding psychopaths
- Too busy right now ignoring climate change
- 3 Mythical "good guy with a gun" could show up any day now





What's in your pants?

83% Gun

12% Candy bar

Other

Total number of "well regulated militia" members who

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Score for Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear can correctly spell "militia" on Rotten Tomatoes SHOOTERIL MOTH MULISHA



YouTube Videos That Didn't Go Viral



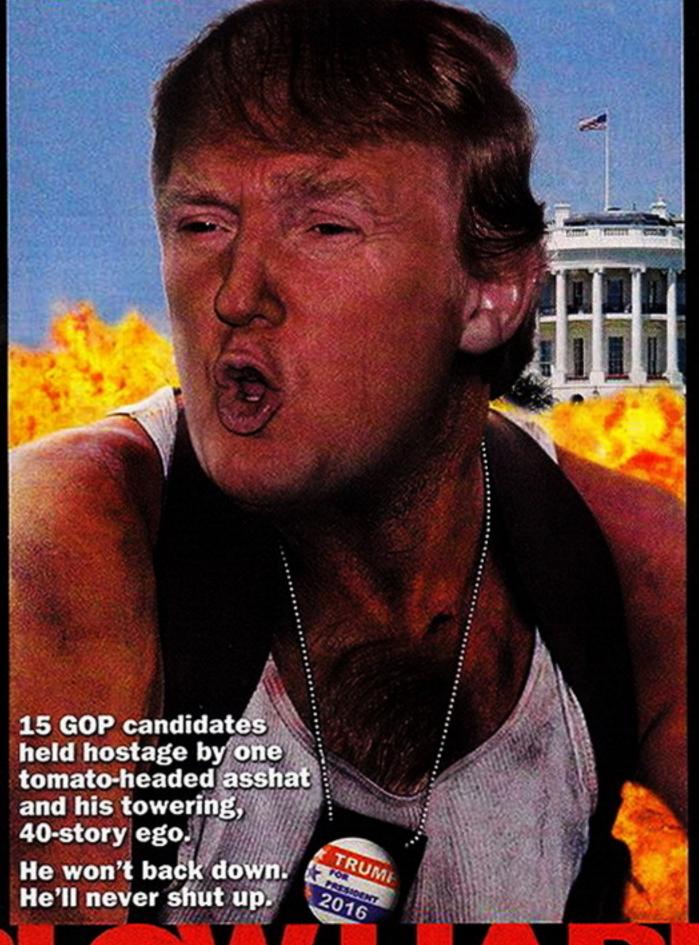








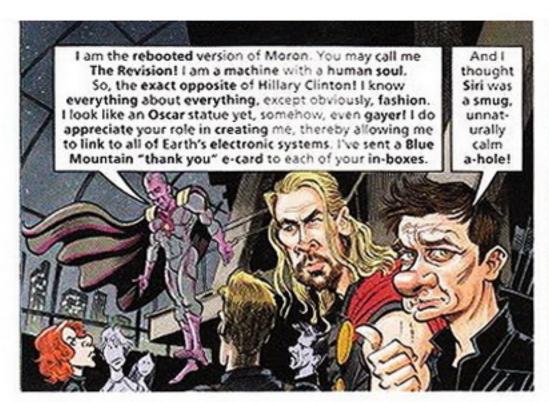


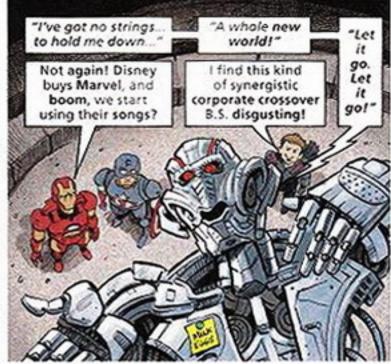


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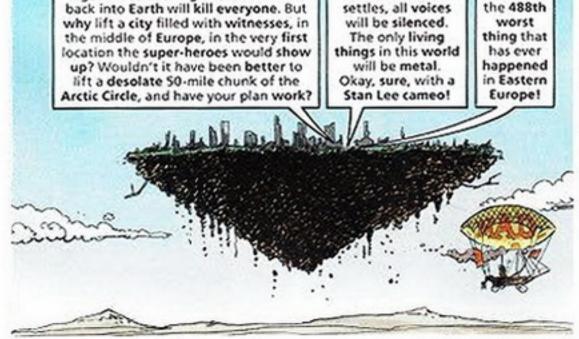
Hey, primary voters: Yippee-ki-yay, Motherf**kers!











I get that smashing this much mass

I am the world's greatest living archer. Ah, if only this were the year 1300! But if those robots zoom over my head, I'll drop and slide and hit them. If four robots come at me from different directions, I'll let off multiple shots while doing a flip, and hit them. But if they stand still, I'm helpless!



This is

the 488th

When the dust





Oooohh I zigged when I should have zagged. Zagged all the way to China! GURGGHKK! Though I die, at least I saved an innocent child!

Truly he was the fastest man on Earth. The only thing faster is how fast the movie audiences will forget him!

Sorry about that I didn't mean to murder him. In my defense, I thought he was Guy Fieri!



I just killed Moron! I ripped out his metallic heart with my bare hands! No, I just killed Moron!
I had a unnervingly calm
philosophical tête-à-tête
with a different him,
which ended when
I blasted his tête off!

OMG! Get a clue! I'm an incomprehensibly vast artificial intelligence program that exists as packets of metadata, simultaneously, throughout the entire cyberstructure of the world!

And you two stooges seriously believed beating me was as easy as dropping your iPhone? You think stripping my body for parts is the end of me? ME, the most robust digital force ever? Come on, if you Instagram a photo of your boobs from spring break, it's impossible to delete it from the web!



Emotional trauma! Teammate against teammate! The savage deaths of loved ones! And now, at last, all this can be yours! On the plus side, at least you've got your work schedules locked in for the next decade! 2016: Civil War! 2018: Infinity War, Part 1! 2019: Infinity War, Part 2! Possible guest spots in Guardians of the Galaxy 2 or Thor 3 or Dr. Strange or Black Panther or Captain Marvel or Inhumans or the next five reboots of Spider-Man or the...

Thermos says SHUT UP already! Talk about an anticlimax! Are you KIDDING me with this minor league team of C-list backups? I've been in BOTH Avengers films, but only during the end credits, and for a combined total of nine seconds! And I'm already WAY more interesting than the friggin' Falcon! So strap in — it'll be three more years and ten more movies before they finally get around to me!



WE SAY THIS INGEST DEPT.

In the last few years, "foodie culture" has exploded in popularity, which means there's a good chance that you don't just eat a meal anymore — oh, no. first, you have to find out where the grub came from, how it was prepared, and whether or not the pistachlo-crusted chicken you ordered had a happy childhood. (And we won't even start with the demands of being an Instagram food-pornographer.) But how do you know if you're one of these ridiculous food fatishlate. fetishists - or just some slob who wants to shove eatin'-stuff into his mouthhole? To answer this sustainably-sourced, non-GMO question, we present...

Are You a FOODIE ... or Not?

YOU'RE A FOODIE if you refuse to eat fruits that aren't organically grown...



If you refuse to eat fruits that aren't in Skittles form, YOU'RE NOT.



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you know exactly which parts of the blowfish are okay to eat, and which parts will kill you...



If you know the same thing about the buffet at Golden Corral, YOU'RE NOT.



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you know the difference between a salad fork and a dinner fork...



If you sometimes confuse your spork with your hand, YOU'RE NOT.



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you keep all your recipes in a cookbook or computer file...



If you keep all your recipes on the side of the Hamburger Helper box where you found them, YOU'RE NOT.



WRITER: KENNY KEIL ARTIST: PAUL COKER

YOU'RE A FOODIE if you send your compliments to the chef...

If you send your fan mail to Chef Boyardee, YOU'RE NOT.



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you never eat at the same restaurant twice.



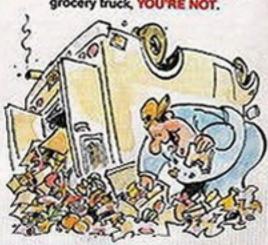
If you have Domino's set up as your iPhone emergency contact, YOU'RE NOT.



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you've ever eaten from a gourmet food truck...



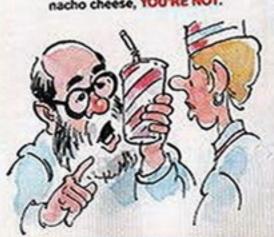
If you've ever eaten from an overturned grocery truck, YOU'RE NOT.



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you ask the waiter what wine pairs best with the filet mignon...



If you ask the 7-11 clerk what Slurpee flavor pairs best with the day-old nacho cheese, YOU'RE NOT.



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you always take pictures of your food at a restaurant.



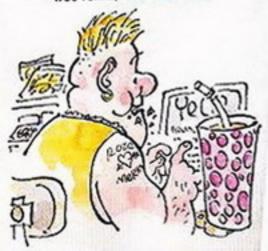
If you only eat at restaurants where the menu has pictures of food on it, YOU'RE NOT.



YOU'RE A FOODIE if you search Yelp for 5-star ratings...



If you search Yelp for the phrase "free refills," YOU'RE NOT.



YOU'RE A FOODIE If you love to spend time in the kitchen perfecting your culinary skills ...



If you occasionally toast your Pop-Tarts when you're feeling fancy, YOU'RE NOT.

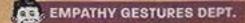


YOU'RE A FOODIE if you use "brunch" as a verb ...



If you do the same with "Fourthmeal," YOU'RE NOT.





It's tough to express sympathy when someone suffers a loss. We're not talking about the loss of a loved one – that's easy!

There are tons of sympathy cards you can send when that happens! But what about when someone suffers a different kind of loss – what do you do then? Luckily, MAD has come to the rescue – you can just read this article...

Sympathy Garass we wish we could buy

So Sorry to Hear You've Lost Your Bladder Control

at times like this,
it's hard to know
just what to say
without laughing a little bit,
but please know we keep
your upholstered furniture,
in our prayers.



Know that the souls you frighten with your childish outbursts are in our thoughts.

Take comfort in knowing my thoughts will be with you as you begin the healing process of cancelling your credit cards, changing your ATM pin code

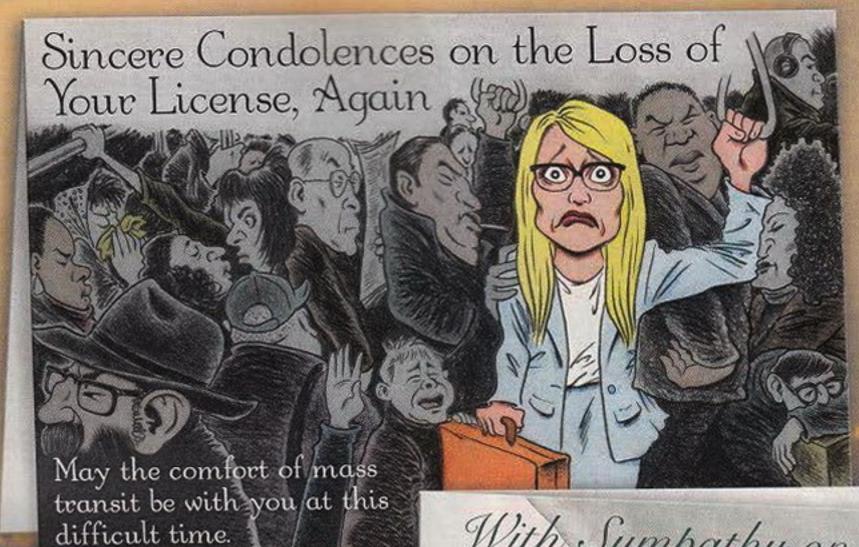
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on line at the DMV getting a new license and vehicle registration.

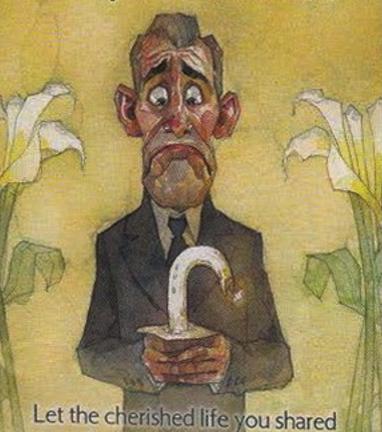
Let the cherished life you shared together sustain you during this not-so-hard time.

WRITER: TERESA BURNS PARKHURST
ARTISTS: LEONARDO RODRIGUEZ, RICK TULKA, EMILY FLAKE

and spending hours



Heartfelt Sorrow on the Loss of Your Erection



Take solace in the knowledge that these heartfelt condolences might as well be a tuna sandwich for all you know.

Let the memory of your other sock shine...



...and may the warmth and toe gunk it created be with you always.

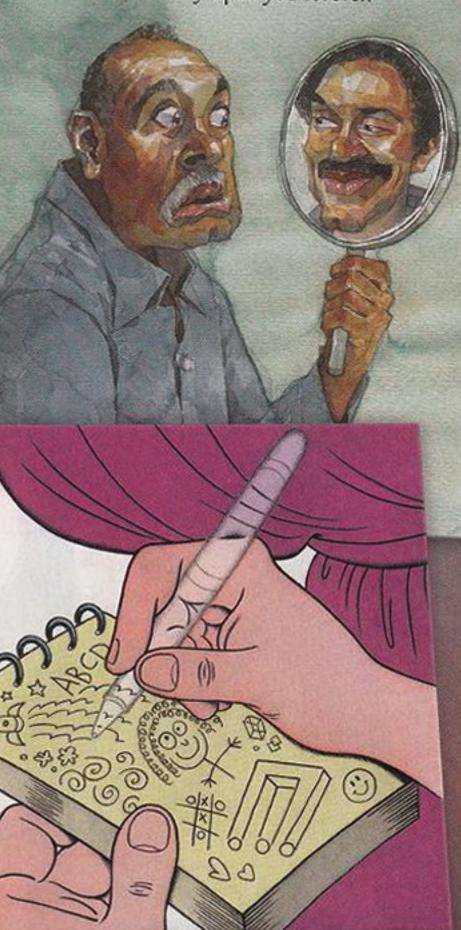
May You Find Peace In the Memories Your Pen Left Behind

It's never easy when we misplace
the one that means so much.
May the name
of your writing implement
remain forever in your heart,
and may you be comforted
by the memory of the grocery lists,
Sudokus and doodles
that you created with it.

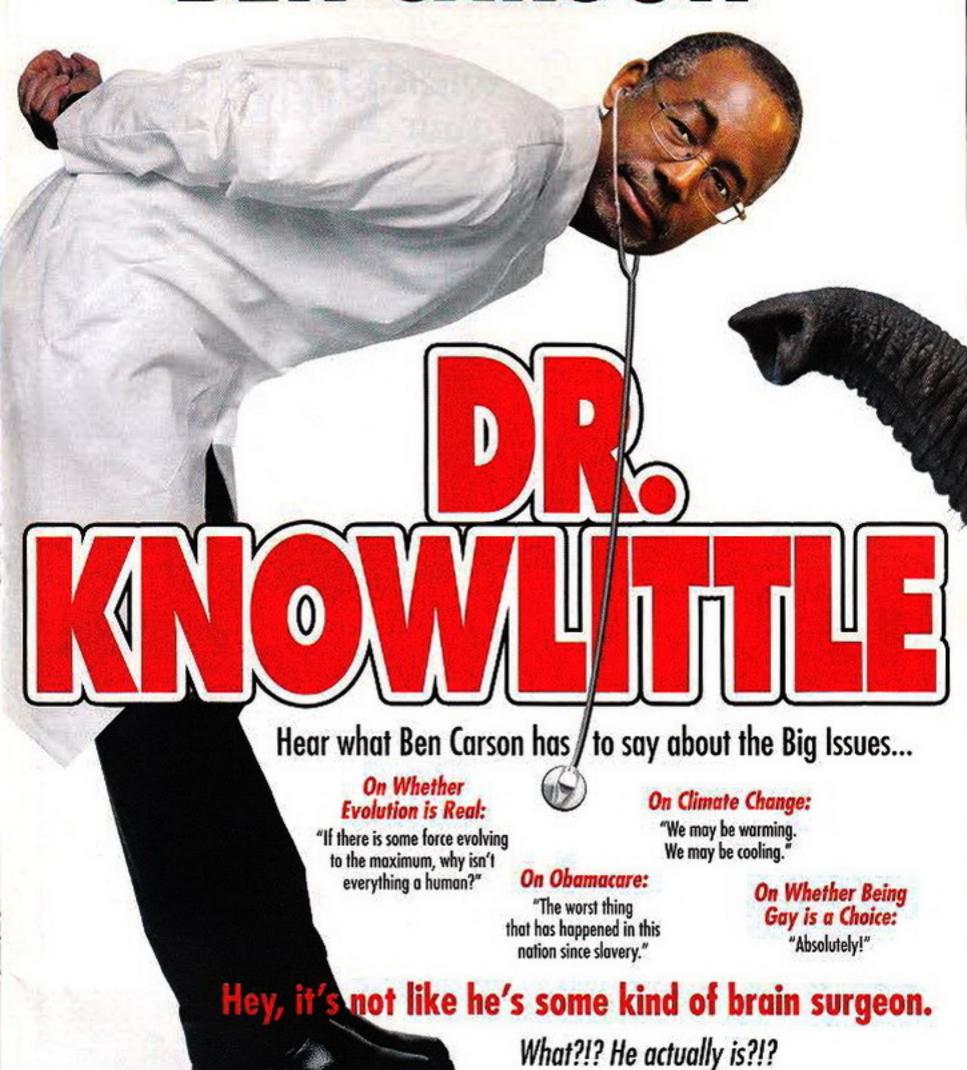


In Remembrance Your Good Looks

May God's perpetual light shine indirectly upon you forever.



BEN CARSON



Who doesn't love going to a renaissance faire? There are jesters! And knights! And old timey talk! They've got it all! But there's a downside (in addition to the chafing from wearing tights and all that leather).

As the saying goes: "Tis a nice place to visit, but thou would not want to liveth there!"

Why SUCKS when Parents Are Your Parents Into

No one will ever swap lunch with you.

Seriously, Kevin - I would totally trade you my PBJ, but I'm pretty sure I'm, uh. allergic to goat shank.



They're making you take lute lessons.

Sorryguts, but
I gotta work
with, um. Sir
Wallingsworth
here, so I can't
do normal
stuff.

第四個東京王七



Thon hast tarkied longeth enough! Come hither to thine "Goin" Baraque for Teens" song book!



Mom's ever-present cleavage makes
you want to sew your eyes shut.



They won't just get you a regular science tutor.

Its fruity chasm splits the cell, while twisted beakers busst and tell, this formula will come to pass, forever breathing noxious gas!



RENAISSANCE

You long for the days when they would just ground you.



FAIRES

WRITER AND ARTIST: TERESA BURNS PARKHURST

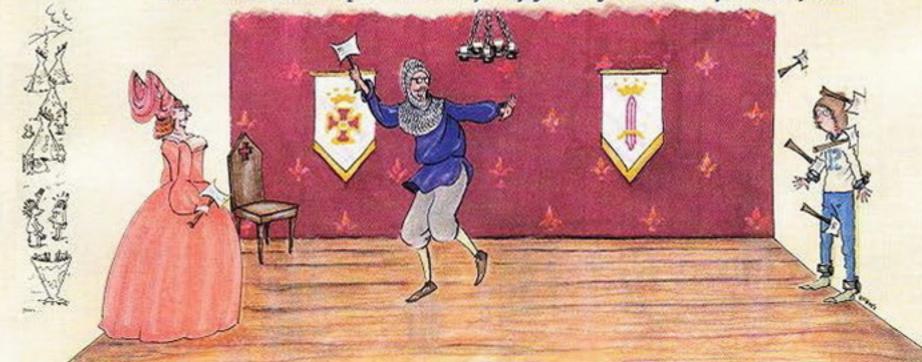
Your dad raises hell at school because there's no jousting program.

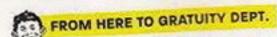
And, pray thre tell, where then, shall this fine heir master the ways of the steed and Lance?





You didn't think it was possible to hate family game night more than you already did.





They say that a fool and his money are soon parted. (Speaking of which, thanks for buying this issue!) But when a fool like you is spending the money, how much should you tip? Let's face it: if you knew, you wouldn't be a fool. Luckily, you have MAD to guide you (at no extra cost;

TIPPING



You can get the restaurant hostess to seat you faster by saying you have a "reservation for Mr. Franklin" while coyly sliding her



When renting a movie for the night, don't forget to slip in a little something extra to the guy working inside the Redbox.



make more than six friends.

Contrary to popular belief, flashing a \$50 bill at the McDonald's cashier while muttering "Maybe this will help you remember" will get you no closer to finding out when the McRib is coming back.

> If your movers do a good job, it's customary to give them something deeply personal of yours - like that box of old bowling trophies or the urn containing your Aunt Gert's ashes.



If you don't have enough to tip the bellhop for carrying up all your bags, avoid any awkwardness by subtly creeping towards the window and hiding behind the curtain for a few minutes. He'll get the message.

When getting some new ink, it's always a nice gesture to tip your tattoo artist. When you have to go back a month later to have that tattoo covered up with a tiger because the guy misspelled "No Regrets," no tip is necessary.



Always tip your flight attendant to help

insure that your seat is located underneath one of the "good" oxygen masks.

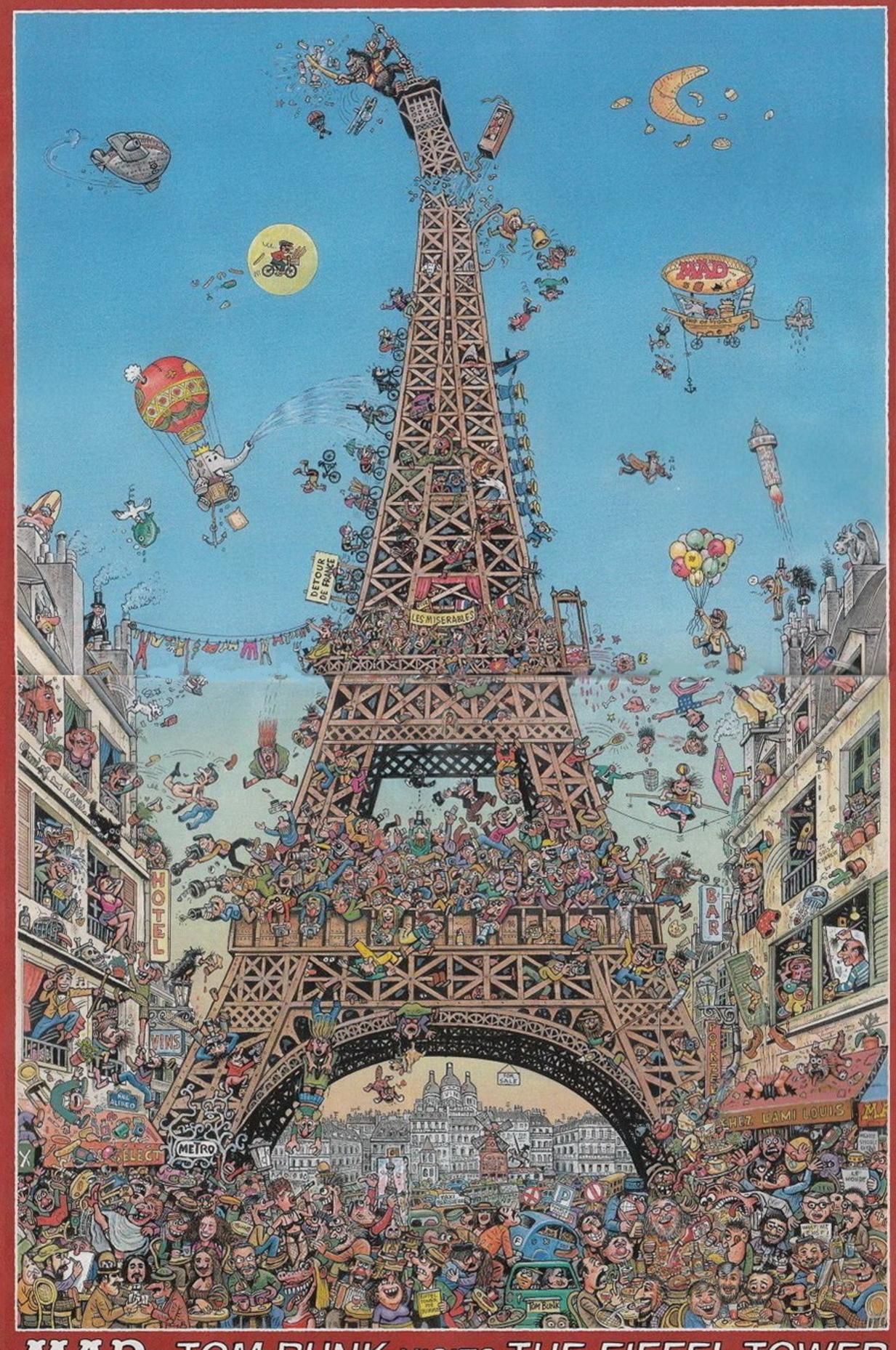


Tipping your gardener will earn his gratitude - but beating him in a prune-off will earn his respect.

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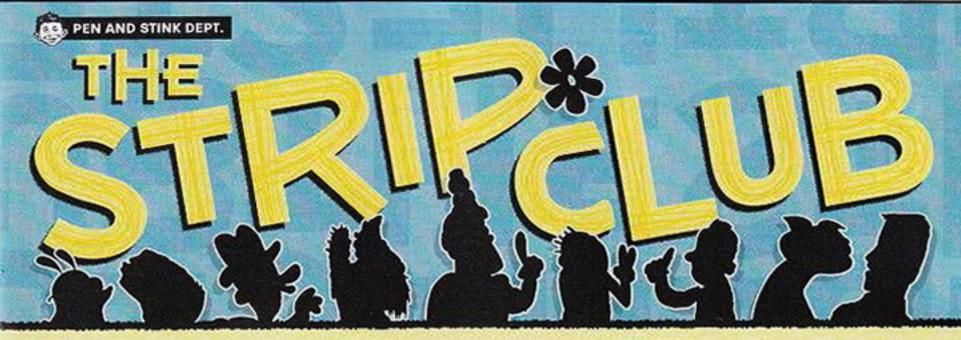


Tip your cab driver \$5 for an okay ride, \$10 for a good ride and \$20 if he made racecar noises with his mouth while chasing pedestrians through a public fountain.



MAD'S TOM BUNK VISITS THE EIFFEL TOWER

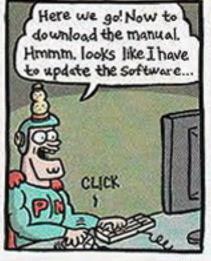
BERNIE SANDERS GANTADD 300_MILLON AMERICANS TO THE WELFARE STATE WITHOUT PISSING OFF THE RICH ONES





















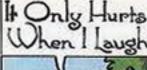
When your son goes to an expensive college and you have to take out a second mortgage to pay for it...



job and have to file for bankruptcy, and then you lose your house ... THAT'S how you end up like this!

OKAY, Dad! Geez, you're such a downer! I think I'm gonna quit visiting you on weekends









WHAT DO YOU THINK YOURE DOING THERE, SO CLOSE TO THAT PAINTING?



HELL, YOU'RE DOING







THERE'S A PRETTY WOMAN. SCANTILY DRESSED. ILL BET YOU GET YOUR ROCKS OFF LOOKING AT HER.



HOW DO YOU THINK THAT MODEL WOULD FEEL TO KNOW THAT HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE NOBLE TRADITION OF ART WAS BEING DROOLED OVER BY SOME PERVERT LIKE YOU? HUH?



SCRAM, PERVERT! BEFORE I CALL IN BACKUP AND HAVE THEM ARREST YOU!













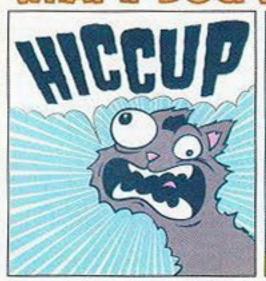








og was one of us?









OCHL CHECK THIS OUT - WIS HAS BEEN BUYND UP TIMESHARRES IN FLORIDA, THE NGA IS WATCHING US BATHE, SCIENTISTS HAVE CREATED A NEW MESA-PLU THAT YOU CAN CATCH JUST BY LOOKING AT IT, AND A NEW STUDY REVEALS THAT WE'ZE 4WALLOWNS DOZENS OF 49/05/84 IN OUR 4488P, NIGHTLY,







The Tough Guys

























R. Powers

On Public Transporation, Courtesy Counts!

Be someone who does the bare minimum to make life slightly less hellish for the other poor schmucks taking public transit.



Keep the Sound Down

Make sure your phone conversations are only a tad louder than the overamplified announcements, screeching train/bus brakes, and raucous passenger arguments



Don't Be a Pole Hog

Leave room for others to hold on. Lie on the floor and hold the pole at the very bottom. It's the part no one uses and frees up the rest of the pole for others



Buses, Trains & Subways Are Transportation, Not Dining Cars

That's why you should always bring your own napkins, silverware, condiments and a small folding table



Dude! Don't Man Spread

If you must have your legs open, sit on your head. This way your legs can be spread open without taking up valuable sitting room



Clipping

Everyone wants to look their best. But never clip your nails on public transit! Clipping someone else's nails, however, is courteous and thoughtful



Step Aside to Let Others Off First

It's a nice thing to do, and if there's a wide gap between the car and the platform, they'll fall through, not you



Offer Your Seat to a Disabled Person

Just be sure they really are disabled. A swift kick to their cane will separate the truly disabled from the imposters

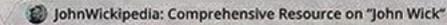


Transportation Vehicles Are Not Toilets. Use the Public Restrooms in the Stations

If the public restrooms are out of order, be quick and discreet



PLANET TAD!!!!!



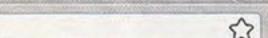
Breddit: Bread discussion board







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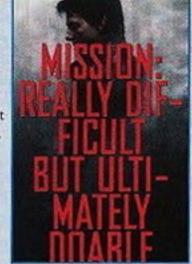
» AGE: FOURTEEN

» SUPERPOWER: CAN EAT ENTIRE BOX OF TRISCUITS IN ONE SITTING

AUGUST 2, 2015

I feel like maybe they should stop calling them "Mission: Impossible" movies. They should call them "Mission: Really Difficult But Ultimately Doable". But I guess that won't fit on the posters.

AUGUST 5, 2015



Ugh. Tonight, Sophie threw a fit when she found out that my mom had invited her friends Megan and Meagan to her party.

My mom said, "I thought you said to invite both of them!" And my

sister said, "I meant Megan and Meaghan! Not Meagan! I'm fighting

with Meagan! Disinvite her!" And my mom said, "You can't disinvite

Just then, the phone rang — it was Meagan's mom, calling to say

Sophie happy, but instead she started crying and said, "I can't be-

lieve Meagan is skipping my party," and my mom had to spend half

an hour comforting her. My dad just rolled his eyes and said, "Ten

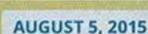
Meagan wouldn't be able to make it to the party, because she already had plans for that day. Which you'd think would've made

someone from a party." And Sophie said, "You can try!"

AUGUST 4, 2015

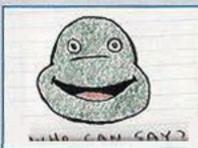
So, tonight at dinner, my little sister Sophie was talking about her upcoming eighth birthday party again. Sophie always gets totally impossible about planning her birthdays; last year, she was furious because the tablecloth at her party was the wrong shade of pink, and "it looks like, instead of Barbie, my party's theme is 'A Salute to Pepto-Bismol',"

First, she asked my mom if she'd made a reservation for her party at Pizza Land, and my mom just sighed and said, "Yes, Sophie. I made it six weeks ago, when you first asked me." And Sophie said, "Good. Because if you don't book early, then you don't get a special table near the monkey band, and the Pizza Badger won't come to your table and sing," And my dad said, "Yes. You told us this already." And then he muttered something I didn't quite hear, but it sounded an awful lot like, "Eight-year-old Bridezilla."



Why do the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles bother wearing masks? It's not like they do much good in concealing their identities. No one's ever going to say, "I think that giant mutant turtle might be a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, but I don't know what 1/16 of his face looks like, so I can't be sure."





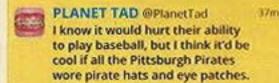
LATEST TWEETS

if they spend 100% of their time

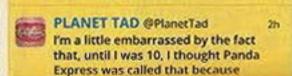




11m "The Walking Dead" is a boring name for an exciting show. Like, the scariest thing about zombies isn't their ability to walk. It should be "The Biting Dead".



PLANET TAD @PlanetTad Someone should tell Lucky Charms no one cares what shapes the marshmallows are. They're marshmallows. We're gonna eat them no



they served panda meat puickly

* ASTROLOGICAL SIGN:

BELIEVE IN

ASTROLOGY

I DON'T

FOOD PREFERENCES

matter what.

AUGUST 6, 2015

As Sophie's birthday is getting closer, she's been talking more and more about how she wants a pony for her birthday, going on and on about how she'll name him "Mister Buttercup", and how much fun it'll be to ride him around.

After dinner, I said to her, "Sophie: Mom and Dad can't afford to get you a horse." And she said, "Duh, I know that. But because they'll feel so guilty about that, they're going to get me a much nicer present than they would have otherwise. I'm aiming for either a bike or an iPod Touch."

Sophie is awful, And she has much to teach me.

AUGUST 13, 2015 So, I went with my parents today to buy Sophie's birthday present (a bike) (of course), and when we drove past Pizza Land, my mom slowed down the car and said, "Oh no. Oh no oh no oh no." And I looked over and saw the sign: "Closed by Order of the Department of Health". Which really isn't all that surprising. I mean, their logo is a badger holding a pizza, without wearing gloves or a hairnet or anything.



AUGUST 14, 2015

A rough day for my mom. She tried all the other places where kids have birthday parties, but all of them were booked solid for Saturday, even Pizzatown USA, the crappy knockoff of Pizza Land whose logo is Olly the Pizza Otter.

Anyway, my mom finally decided to just have the party at our house, and book an entertainer. Most of them were booked solid for Saturday, too, but she found a guy named Presto the Magnificent who's a magician, and she told my sister, "He'll just have to do."



Spider-Man







Least Favorite: Gravel

AUGUST 15, 2015

So, Sophie's birthday was today, and it got off to a pretty good start — all my sister's friends were there, including every Megan who was supposed to be, and none of the ones who weren't. There wasn't really a problem until around 1:00, when Presto the Magician still hadn't shown up. My mom tried calling him a bunch of times, but he didn't answer — and then, at 1:25, he pulled up, opened the door of his car, and vomited all over our driveway. Then he pulled an endless string of scarves out of his pocket, wiped his mouth on them, and said, "Sorry. Mrs. Presto left me last night for a contortionist. But I'm ready to go. Where's the party?" And my dad came over to him and said very quietly, "There's only one magic trick I want to see: You need to disappear before my kid sees you."

And Presto drove away, and my mom said, "Well, great. We promised them a magician. Now what?" That's when I realized: I used to have a magic kit, and I was pretty good at it when I was younger. So I grabbed it, took my mom's black shawl, drew on a mustache with my mom's eyeliner, and came out into the yard as Tad-a the Magnificent. And it went OK at first — I did the trick where you link two metal rings together, and everyone seemed to like it. But then I started doing card tricks, and I realized that I'd kind of forgotten how to do them. So I spent a while with my sister's friend Lucy, going, "Is this your card?" And she kept saying, "No." And each time she said "No," all my sister's friends laughed — and the laughs got louder and louder.







Then I tried to do the trick where you make a ball "disappear" under a cup, but it rolled out from my hand and everyone was, like, screaming laughing. It got worse and worse and worse from there, until my sister and all her friends were pointing and shouting about how terrible I was, until I finally packed everything up and left — only my endless scarf got snagged on the table and I had to come back and get it.

Afterward, I told my mom, "Sorry." And she said, "What are you talking about? They had a great time! That was brilliant — what gave you the idea to do a parody of a magic show?" And before I could answer, one of Sophie's friend's moms came over and said, "My daughter wants you to perform at her birthday next month — how much do you charge?" I think I might have a new job if I want it — I just need to get better at being worse at magic.

Most Favorite: Pie





DISLIKES





Ticks

PLACES

Tad visited:

Spiders

The Wheel World **Bike Store**

Home

Mall





OSCILLATING FANS DEPT.

Whenever we go to a sporting event, and things get dull and boring on the plaus field . . . which happens quite often in the New York area, what with the Mets, No.

Giants, Devils, etc... we amuse ourselves by looking around at all the characters in the stands (not including ourselves) and wondering what these weirdos are like-

AFTER THE GAME IS OVER

ARTIST: JACK DE

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTON

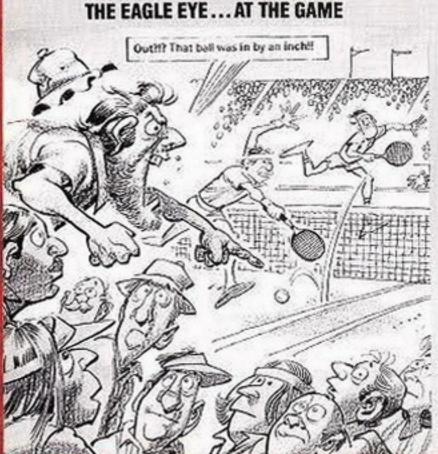
MR. MACHO ... AT THE GAME



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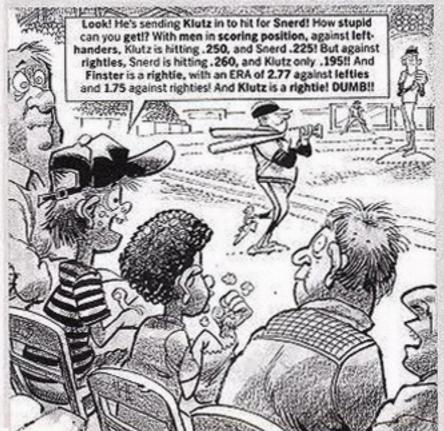
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THE ELECTRONIC WHIZ ... AT THE GAME



THE HUMAN COMPUTER ... AT THE GAME



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THE VAMPIRE ... AT THE GAME



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THE HARDY SOUL ... AT THE GAME



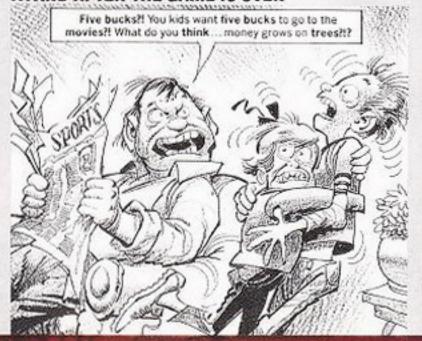
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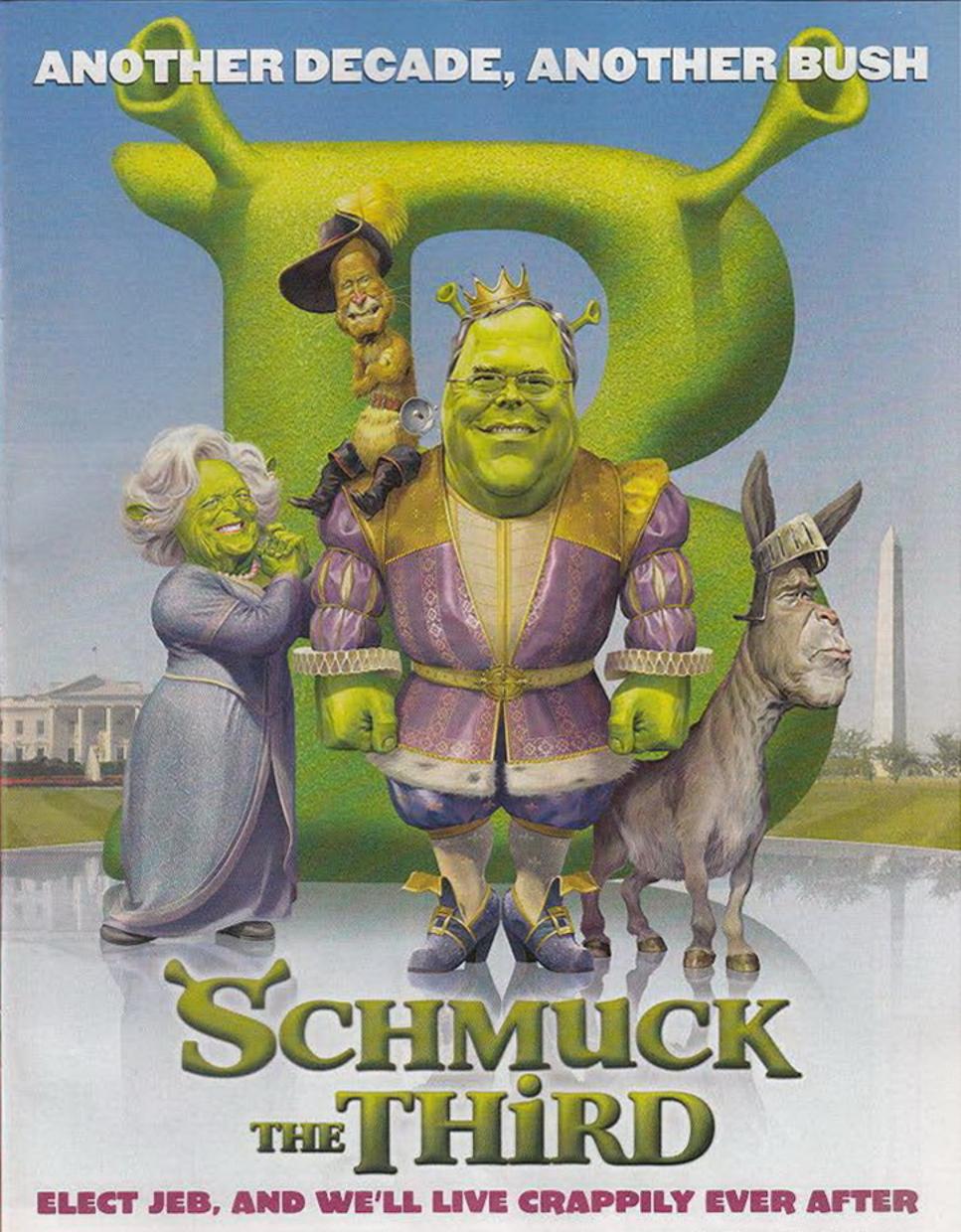


THE BIG SPENDER ... AT THE GAME



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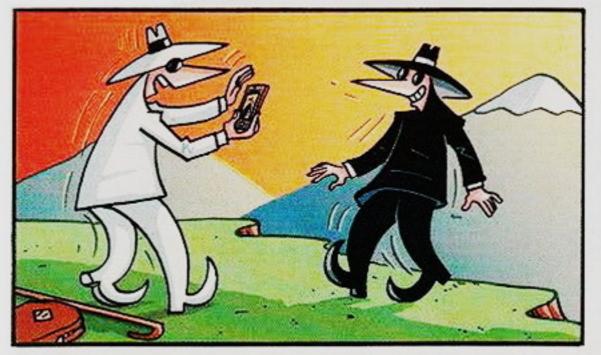
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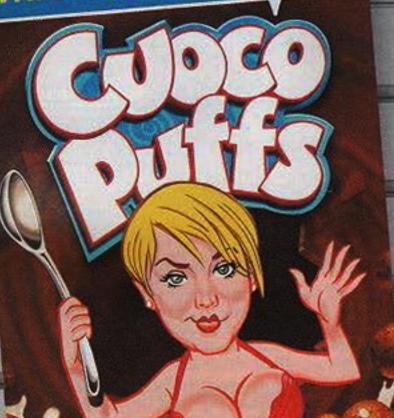
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paid for endorsing them). Either way, it got us thinking about some endorsements they WON'T love (and that you may not be that wild about either)...

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Lipton 11/2 a Swoo Even better than a bowl!

Louis



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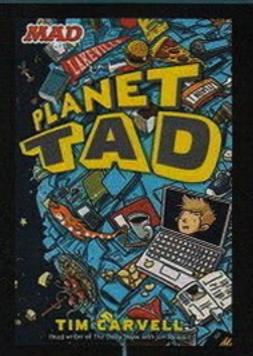


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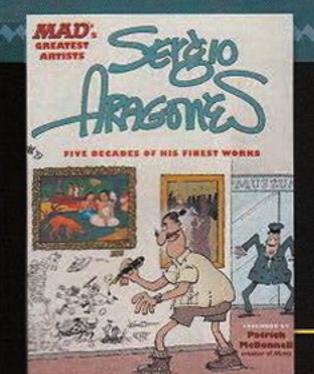
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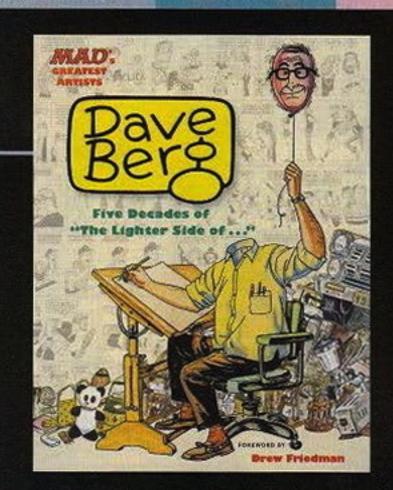
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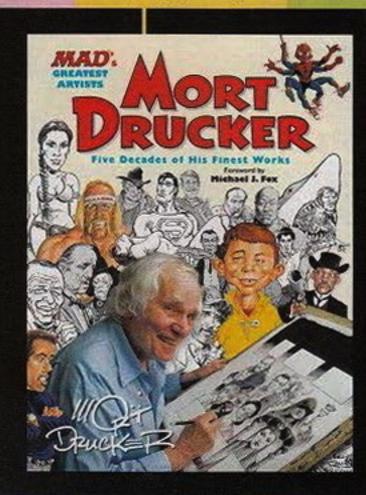
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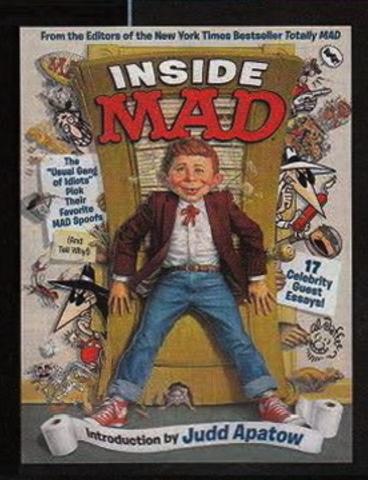
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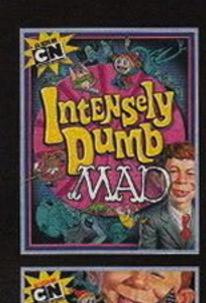
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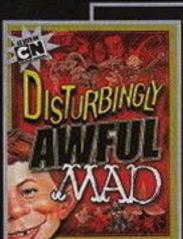


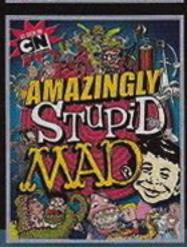


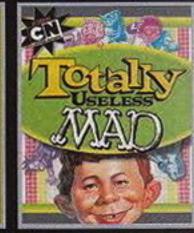














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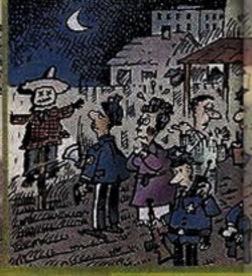
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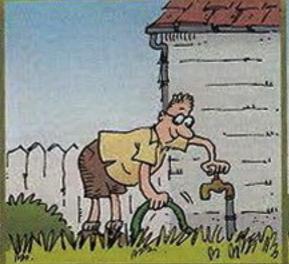






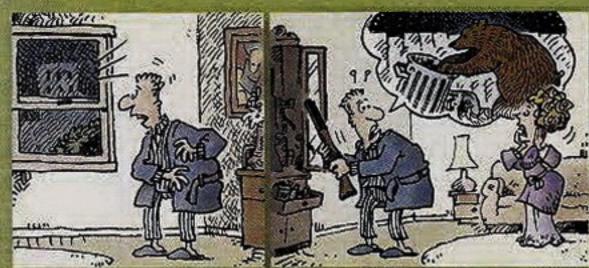








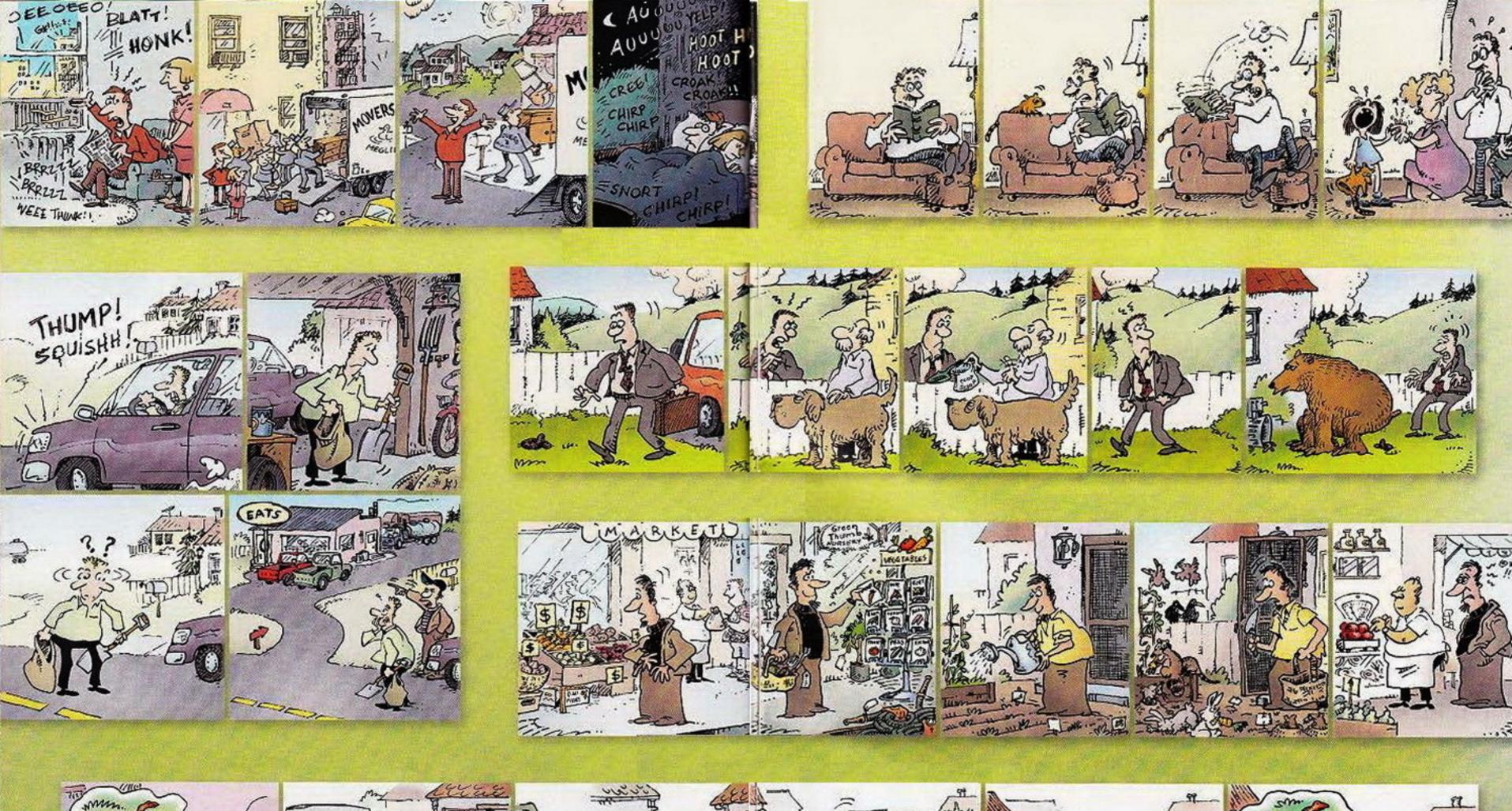
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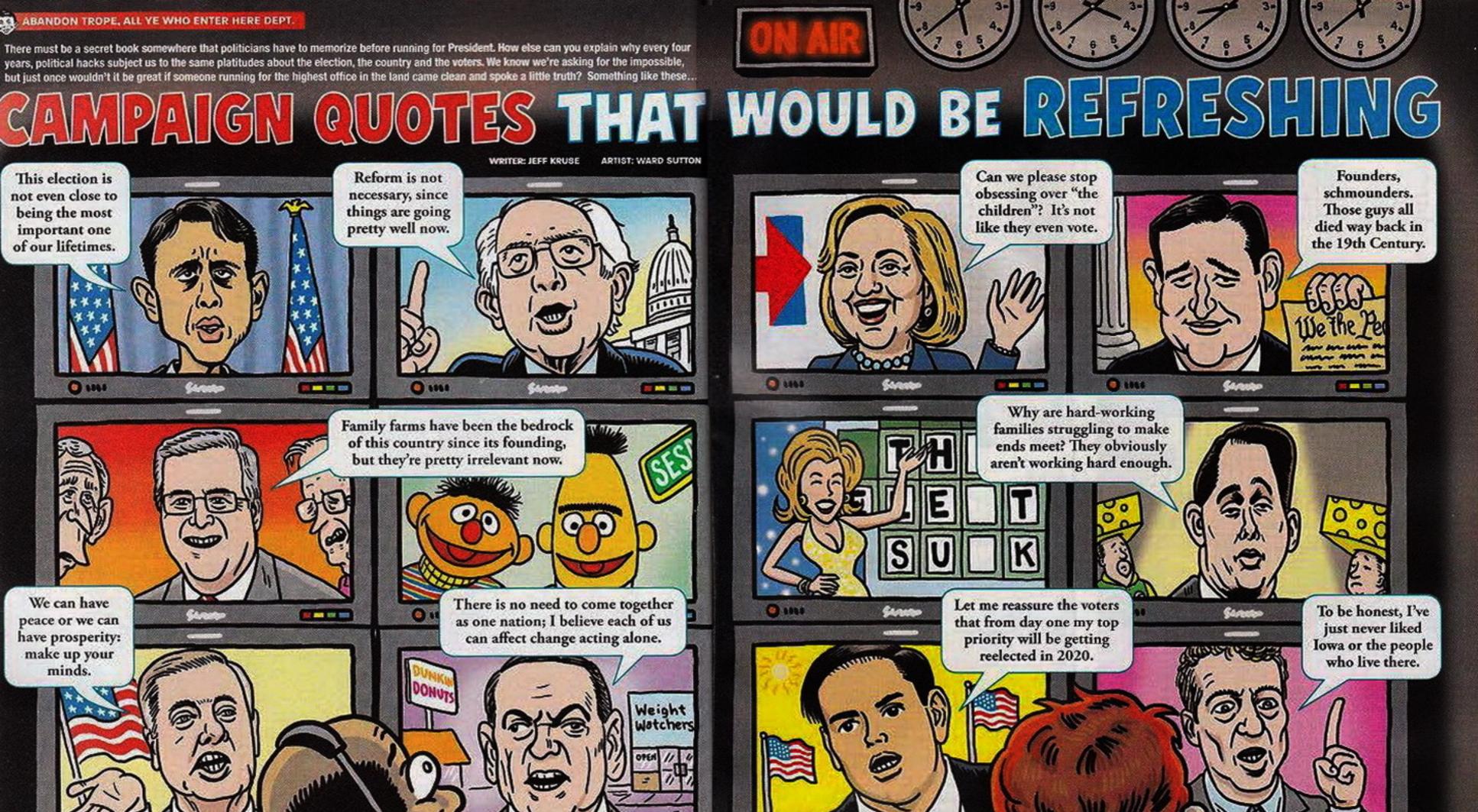












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John Boyega, in his first non-sweaty, out-of-breath

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Basic plot involves ruthless people who will do anything to gain access to the throne

Is a bizarre mixture of fantasy, violence, and silly clothes

Is bankrolled by New York liberal elites

Reviews have been generally positive

Will still be going strong in 2016

Closely follows George R.R. Martin's epic novels

Is going to end badly for most of its main players











President Obama @POTUS · 17m

Now people can tell me DIRECTLY that I'm a Kenyan-born Muslim, Thanks, Twitter!

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President Obama @POTUS · 26m

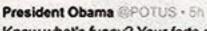
I swear to God - if Biden keeps talking to me with his mouth full of half-chewed Kit-Kats, I'm going to LOSE, MY. S&%T! #creepyveep

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President Obama @POTUS • 4h

Apparently, ISIS just captured Ramadi...but honestly, I'm too bummed about the Wizards losing to care.



Know what's funny? Your farts don't smell any different when you're president. #HazardousEmissions #EPA

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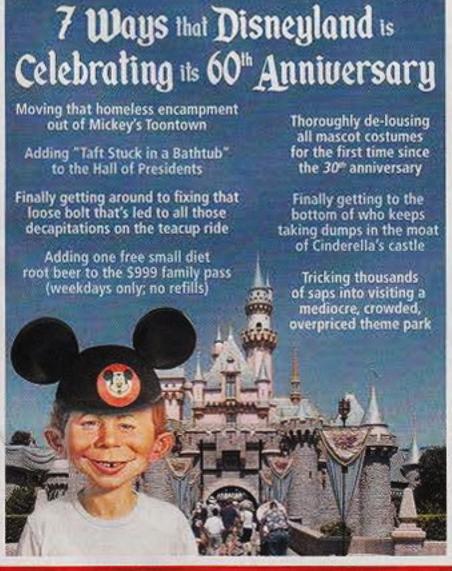
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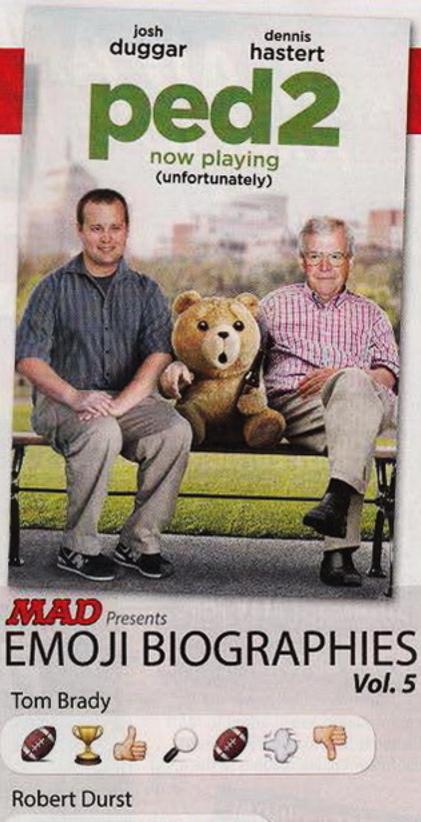
Wonder if I can sign an executive order to have "The Bachelorette" taken off the air...

President Obama @POTUS - 13h

Just 611 days and 14 hours until I leave office! Not that I'm counting, #sweetsweetfreedom









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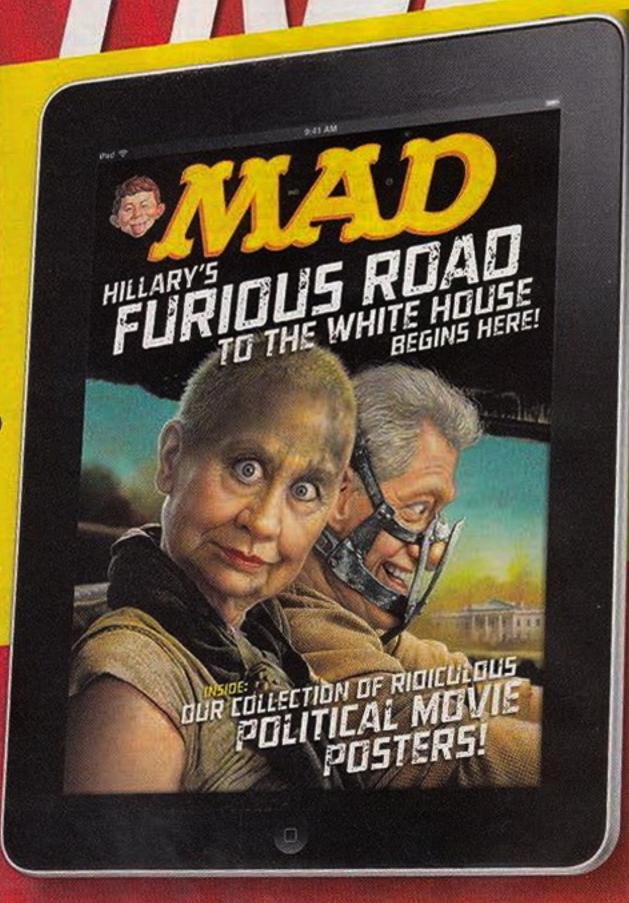
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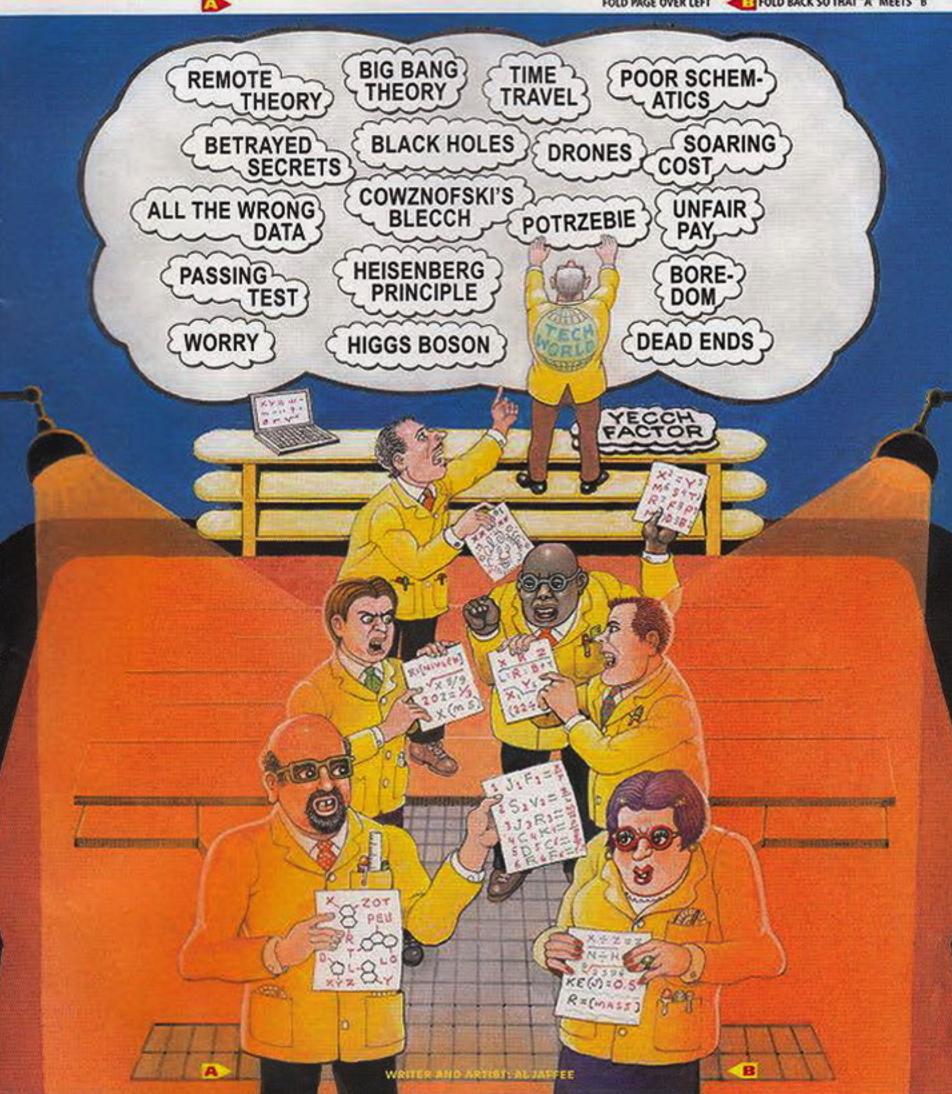
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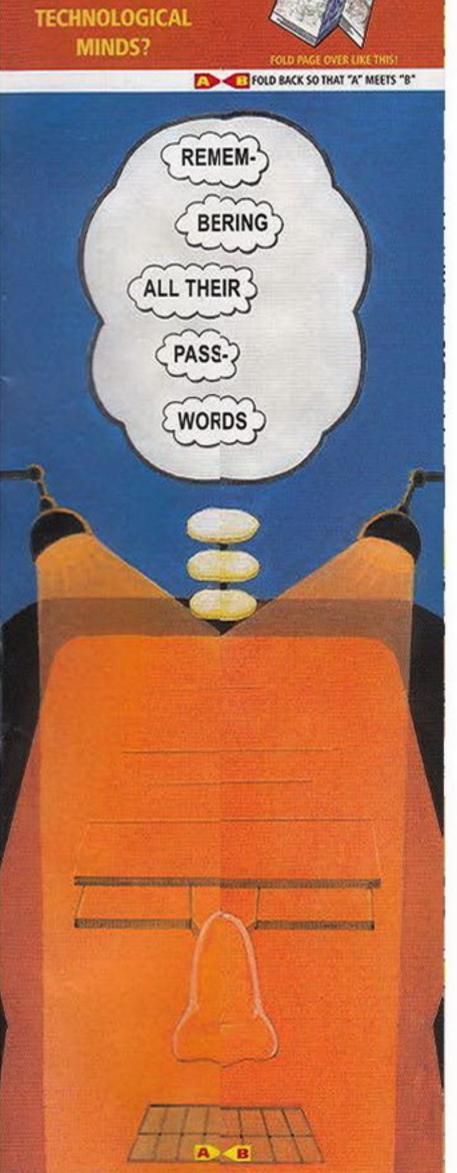


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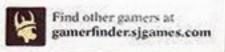
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